

## Message Text

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INFO AMEMBASSY COLOMBO  
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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PEPR, SHUM, BG, PK  
SUBJ: MORE APPEALS FOR MERCY TO BHUTTO

REF: DACCA 1710

1. A NUMBER OF GROUPS AND PROMINENT INDIVIDUALS HAVE  
ISSUED APPEALS FOR MERCY TO BE SHOWN TO BHUTTO. PRESS  
MARCH 82 AND 23 CARRIED THESE PROMINENTLY AND HAS REPORTED  
EXTENSIVELY ON APPEALS FROM FOREIGN LEADERS. LATTER  
HAS HIGHLIGHTED ARAB STATEMENTS BUT HAS ALSO INCLUDED  
EXTRACTS FROM EDITORIAL COMMENT IN THE U.S. AND WESTERN  
EUROPE. MORARJI DESAI'S REMARKS WERE ALSO CARRIED,  
PRESUMABLY IN FULL.

2. MOST NOTABLE POLITICAL LEADER TO COMMENT IS FORMER  
EAST PAKISTAN CHIEF MINISTER ATATUR RAHMAN KHAN, WHO ALTHOUGH  
NO LONGER POLITICALLY STRONG REMAINS BANGLADESH'S MOST  
RESPECTED POLITICIAN. ATA SAID THE TRIAL APPEARED TO BE  
MORE POLITICAL THAN JUDICIAL AND THAT A FAIR TRIAL SHOULD  
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BE INSURED. HE ADDED THAT A DEATH SENTENCE IS NEVER  
MORALLY JUSTIFIABLE.

3. A YOUTH GROUP ATTACHED TO THE BHANHANI NAP DEMONSTRATED  
MARCH 22 IN FRONT OF THE PAKISTAN EMBASSY AND THE PARENT  
BODY HAS SCHEDULED A DAY OF PROTEST ON MARCH 24 WHICH IS  
TO INCLUDE ANOTHER DEMONSTRATION. PARTY LEADER MASHIUR

RAHMAN ALSO CALLED FOR A BOYCOTT BY BANGLADESHIS AND  
DIPLOMATS OF THE PAKISTAN AMBASSADOR'S PAKISTAN DAY  
RECEPTION MARCH 23.

4. BAR ASSOCIATIONS FROM CHITTAGONG, KHULNA AND SMALL  
CITIES HAVE PASSED RESOLUTIONS ASKING FOR MERCY AND  
CONDEMNING THE ALLEGEDLY POLITICAL NATURE OF THE TRIAL.

5. WE CAN EXPECT ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS HERE ALTHOUGH  
THESE HAVE BEEN AND LIKELY WILL CONTINUE TO BE PRINCIPALLY  
FROM LEFTIST PARTIES (ATA BEING THE MAJOR EXCEPTION SO  
FAR). INTEREST IN PAKISTAN REMAINS HIGH HERE AND  
ALTHOUGH MANY VIEW BHUTTO AS THE MAN MOST RESPONSIBLE  
FOR THE BREAK UP OF THE UNITED COUNTRY HE IS NOW  
RECEIVING APPRECIABLE (BUT NON-  
GOVERNMENTAL SUPPORT.  
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